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**Office Action Summary**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The application has been examined. Claims 1-6 are pending in this Office Action.

### *Specification*

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Proper language should be used in the Abstract. For example, "in one step" should not be the language for Abstract.

Appropriate correction is required.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Appropriate correction is required.

Brief Summary of the Invention: See MPEP § 608.01(d). A brief summary or general statement of the invention as set forth in 37 CFR 1.73. The summary is separate and distinct from the abstract and is directed toward the invention rather than the disclosure as a whole. The summary may point out the advantages of the invention or how it solves problems previously existent in the prior art (and preferably indicated in the Background

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of the Invention). In chemical cases it should point out in general terms the utility of the invention. If possible, the nature and gist of the invention or the inventive concept should be set forth. Objects of the invention should be treated briefly and only to the extent that they contribute to an understanding of the invention.

Summary of the invention is missing.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The word "posed" critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). Proper correction is needed for the claim language "posed".

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Minor informalities: Examiner suggests claim 6 should be written as an independent form.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robert Cecil Gore, Jr. ('Gore, Jr.' hereinafter), US Patent 5,794,237 in view of Hoover et al. ('Hoover' hereinafter), US Patent 5,724,575.

With respect to claim 1,

Gore, Jr. discloses a method for providing search results for network-resident objects to a user (see col. 5, lines 46-54, Fig. 2a), the method comprising steps of:

monitoring a plurality of search processes (see col. 10, lines 61-66, Gore, Jr.);

storing information relating to the plurality of search processes (see col. 10, lines 5-11, Fig. 4, Gore, Jr.);

receiving a search query from the user (see col. 10, lines 59-65, Gore, Jr.);

correlating the search query with the information relating to plurality of search processes(see col. 11, lines 25-31, Fig. 7, Gore, Jr.) ; and

presenting search results related to the search query and the information (see col. 11, lines 18-31, Gore, Jr.).

Gore, Jr. does not explicitly indicate the claimed monitoring.

Hoover discloses the claimed monitoring (the monitoring program associated with the remote database determines which transaction to execute by looking at the message type in the header, see col. 40, lines 41-46).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the data processing art at the time of the present invention to combine teachings of the cited references, because monitoring of Hoover's teachings would have allowed Gore, Jr.'s. system to improve to retrieve data items from one or more of the remote, heterogeneous user databases, as suggested by Hoover at col. 1, lines 16-18. Monitoring as taught by Hoover improves to access new data sources as they come on-line without requiring the users or their systems to know the routing address or other identifying information about the new data source (see col. 7, lines 24-28, Hoover).

As to claim 2,

Gore, Jr. teaches wherein the information includes search terms (see col. 6, lines 37-46, Gore, Jr.).

As to claim 3,

Gore, Jr. teaches wherein the information includes hyperlinks selected in the plurality of search processes (see col. 6, lines 43-46, Gore, Jr.).

As to claim 4,

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Gore, Jr. teaches wherein the information includes answers to questions posed to those performing the plurality of search processes (see col. 6, lines 37-46 et seq, Gore, Jr.).

As to claim 5,

Gore, Jr. teaches a step of posing a question to one or more of those performing the plurality of search processes, wherein the question relates to a quality of search results from a respective one of the search processes (see col. 2, lines 66 to col. 3, lines 6), Gore, Jr.).

With respect to claim 6,

Gore, Jr. discloses a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the computer-implementable method for providing search results for network-resident objects to the user (see col. 5, lines 46-54, Fig. 2a).

***Contact Information***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (703) 605-4356. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790 or Customer Service (703) 306-5631. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for any communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

  
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